

# West Kesteven Rural District Council



## Annual Report

of the

Health of the West Kesteven Rural District

by the

Medical Officer of Health

C. W. Shearer, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

To which is Appended the Report of the

Chief Public Health Inspector

M. F. Johnson, M.P.H.I., C.R., San. I.

# West Kesteven Rural District Council.



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J. R. MORGAN. B.SC (ECON)., D.P.A., A.C.I.S  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

22nd June, 1964

Sir,

## Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1963

With reference to the Department's Circular 1/64 of the 13th January, 1964, I now enclose four copies of the Medical Officer of Health's report for my Council's area for the year 1963.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*J R Morgan*  
Clerk of the Council.

The Secretary,  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH,  
Alexander Fleming House,  
Elephant and Castle,  
LONDON, S.E.1.



WEST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Reconstituted under the Parts of Kesteven (Alteration of Districts and Parishes) Order 1930)

List of Parishes:

Allington  
Ancaster  
Barkston  
Barrowby  
Belton and Manthorpe  
Bitchfield and Bassingthorpe  
Boothby Pagnell  
Braceby and Sapperton  
Burton Coggles  
Carlton Scroop  
Caythorpe  
Claypole  
Colsterworth  
Denton  
Easton  
Fenton  
Foston  
Fulbeck  
Great Gonerby  
Great Ponton  
Gunby and Stainby  
Harlaxton  
Heydour  
Honington  
Hougham  
Hough-on-the-Hill  
Ingoldsby  
Lenton, Keisby and Osgodby  
Little Ponton and Stroxtun  
Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without  
Long Bennington  
Marston  
Normanton  
North Witham  
Old Somerby  
Pickworth  
Ropsley and Humby  
Sedgebrook  
Skillington  
South Witham  
Stoke Rochford  
Stubton  
Syston  
Welby  
Westborough and Dry Doddington  
Woolsthorpe  
Wyville-cum-Hungerton

WEST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Committee 1963

CHAIRMAN

Councillor F. JENKINSON

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Sir H. J. F. S. CHOLMELEY, Bt., D.S.O., D.L., J.P.

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Councillor S. E. LOVELL

Councillor R. MERRICK

Councillor W/CDR. A.E.F. McCREARY (Co-opted)

Councillor Capt. E. OLIVER, M.C.

Councillor G. A. PARKER

Councillor W. S. E. PURCHASE

Councillor J. C. RICKETT

Councillor C. W. ROSSINGTON

Councillor J. C. ROWE

Councillor Major H. P. RUSHTON, T.D.

Councillor F. SHARP

Councillor A. V. SHEARDOWN

Councillor J. STEWART

Councillor W. H. WATCHORN

Councillor Major H. R. E. E. WELBY, C.M.G., J.P.

Councillor Lt. Col. L.V. WOOD, M.B.E., M.C.

/ Councillor W. H. WRIGHT



WEST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Housing Committee 1963

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Councillor J. A. DALE

Councillor Mrs W. M. D. ELNOR

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Councillor H. WILSON

H E A L T H    D E P A R T M E N T

Staff

Medical Officer of Health

C. W. SHEARER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector

M. F. JOHNSON, M.P.H.I., C.R.San.I.

Public Health Inspector

J. LUCAS, M.P.H.I., C.R.San.I.

Pupil Public Health Inspector

R. C. WELLS.

Technical Assistant

N. F. HEADLAND

Housing Maintenance Officer

M. H. MOODY

Clerks

B. ROBERTS

MRS H. HOUSLEY

P. CUMMING (from 2-9-63)

Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Sandon Close, GRANTHAM, Lincs.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health, Vital Statistics and Sanitary Conditions of the West Kesteven Rural District for the year 1963.

The statistical tables call for little comment, the differences from last year's figures being mostly due to chance variations. The Infant Mortality Rate was satisfactory, being about the national average; it will be remembered that the District experienced excessively high infant mortality rates up to 1958. Apart from measles, few cases of infectious disease were reported.

In my Annual Report for 1955 I stated "A third group presenting a special housing problem is that of old people who are too infirm to manage a normal house. I believe that something on "Almshouse" lines is required for them, i.e. a number of small houses grouped together, with a resident warden". Such accommodation is now provided at Newton Court, Colsterworth, which was opened in 1963 and provides 31 units of accommodation in flatlets, flats and bungalows, with a resident warden in charge. This is doubtless the forerunner of similar schemes in the other large villages, which will make a large contribution to the solution of a difficult medico-social problem.

In August, 1963 action had to be taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, in respect of an elderly man, found to be suffering from severe chronic disease, and living alone in insanitary conditions. He was removed to hospital for three months, at the end of which time he was able to be discharged to the care of friends in his home village.

The following comments are included by direction of the Ministry of Health :-

Water Supply. This is now administered by the Kesteven Water Board.

- (a) Generally speaking the supply was adequate in quality and quantity.
- (b) During the year 75 samples of raw water and 161 samples of treated water were taken by the Water Board officials. All were satisfactory. No chemical analysis was made. A table showing the fluoride content of water from various sources appears on page 12.
- (c) No evidence of plumbo-solvency is known.
- (d) No action in respect of contamination was necessary.
- (e) As shown on Page 13 96% of the houses in the District have a piped water supply; it is not known how many of these are supplied by stand-pipes. I estimate therefore that 4% of the population or about 730 persons are without a piped supply.

Sewerage. Details are given on pages 18/19. Good progress was made during 1963, five villages being sewered during the year. Most regrettably the new Barrowby scheme was again deferred, owing to a change of plan. The project is now to link up the village sewers with the Grantham Borough System.

Common Lodging Houses. There are none in the District.

The work of the Department continued to be handicapped by the prolonged illness of Mr. Dean which led to his retirement in November, 1963, and I must again pay tribute to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lucas for the excellent way in which they carried out the extra duties falling on them.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members of the Council, and in particular the Health Committee, Mr. Morgan and all his staff for their unfailing courtesy and help throughout the year.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

C. W. SHEARER.

Medical Officer of Health.



# S T A T I S T I C S

Population (Census) ... ..	18,000
Population (Mid-year estimate) ... ..	18,260
Area of Rural District ... ..	122,406 acres.
Rateable Valuation (1st April, 1963) ... ..	£414,924
Sum represented by penny rate (year ending 31st March, 1963) ... ..	£1,800

## V I T A L   S T A T I S T I C S

	M	F	TOTAL
LIVE BIRTHS ... ..	176	157	333
Legitimate ... ..	169	148	317
Illegitimate ... ..	7	9	16
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... ..			18.2
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (corrected) ... ..			16.7 (18.2)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births ...			4.8

	M	F	TOTAL
STILLBIRTHS ... ..	2	1	3
Legitimate ... ..	2	1	3
Illegitimate ... ..	-	-	-
Still Birth rate per 1000 live and still births ... ..			8.9 (17.3)
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS ... ..	178	158	336

	M	F	TOTAL
INFANT MORTALITY			
Deaths of infants under one year ... ..	3	4	7
Legitimate ... ..	3	4	7
Illegitimate ... ..	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under four weeks ... ..	3	1	4
Deaths of infants under one week ... ..	3	1	4
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births (total) ... ..			21.0 (20.9)
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births (legitimate) ...			21.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births (illegitimate)			Nil

NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE per 1000 live births (under 4 weeks)	12.0 (14.2)
EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under 1 week)	12.0
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (Stillbirth rate and under 1 week)	20.8 (31.5)

	M	F	TOTAL
DEATHS ... ..	117	86	203
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population ... ..			11.1
Corrected (for age and sex) death rate per 1000 population			12.3 (12.2)

MATERNAL DEATHS	
Deaths from Maternal Causes ... ..	Nil
Maternal Mortality per 1000 total births ... ..	Nil (0.28)

Figures in brackets give average for England and Wales.



# C A U S E S    O F    D E A T H

								M	F	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
6.	Meningo-coccal infections	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	-	4
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	6
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	8	23
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	18	39
18.	Coronary disease, angina	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	13	37
19.	Hypertension with Heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	5
20.	Other Heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	17	27
21.	Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	10
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2	2
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	8
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	8
25.	Other disease of Respiratory system	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	6	16
33.	Motor Vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
								117	86	203

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1963.

AGE	PNEUMONIA		MEASLES		PUERPERAL PYREXIA	WHOOPING COUGH		SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM	
	M	F	M	F	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1		-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	20	21	-	-	1	-	-
3 - 4	-	-	23	20	-	1	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	50	53	-	1	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	12	7	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
25 & o.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	108	105	1	2	2	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND DEATHS IN 1963

AGE	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

INFANT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 day	1 - 7 days	1 - 4 weeks	TOT L Under 4 wks	1 - 3 months	3 - 12 months	TOTAL Under 1 year
Premature Birth	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Malformation	2	-	-	2	3	-	5
Birth Injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia & Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL	4	-	-	4	3	-	7

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1963

Public Health Department,

Council Offices,

Sandon Close,

Grantham, Lincs.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
West Kesteven Rural District Council.

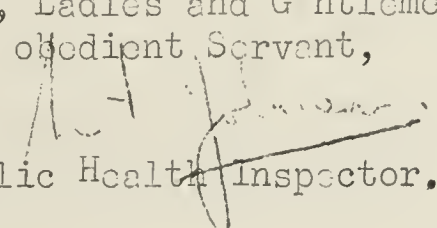
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my first Annual Report as your Chief Public Health Inspector. The resignation of Mr. J. Dean through ill-health, was by far the most disconcerting event of 1963. Mr. Dean had been Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector to this Council for twenty-five years, and during that time had been held in high esteem both by the Staff and the Public with whom he had come in contact. His sudden illness was a severe blow to the Department and all those that knew him, but his good work for this Council over so many years will long be remembered.

During the year progress was maintained on Sewerage Schemes and Housing projects, these being dealt with more fully in the report. Owing to the absence of Mr. Dean there was not the anticipated progress in Housing, but the opening of Newton Court at Colsterworth was a big step forward in the care of the elderly. These and other matters are dealt with more fully in the Report under their various headings.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the members of the Staff who have given of their best during the past year, and maintained that cheerful demeanour that has been reflected in the work of the Department. Mr. Lucas has been a tower of strength and I could not wish for a better colleague. Last but not least I would like to pay my respects to your Chairman, Councillor F. Jenkinson. His ever ready help and advice has earned him the respect not only of myself but of all the members of my Staff.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
Chief Public Health Inspector.



# H O U S I N G    1 9 6 3.

## 1. DWELLINGHOUSES INSPECTED

(a)	Inspections for Housing Defects	52
(b)	Dwellinghouses found unfit	52
(c)	Dwellinghouses found not fit in all respects	4
(d)	Re-inspections and visits to work in progress	49
(e)	Re Overcrowding	-
(f)	New Buildings (Supervision under Building Byelaws)	462
(g)	Re Council House Repairs	144
(h)	Housing Sites, Surveys, Inspections of work in progress	206
(i)	Temporary Housing	-
		<u>969</u>

## 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

(a)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority	10
(b)	Informal Notices	-

## 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(A)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act 1957	
(a)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
(b)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	3
(c)	By Owners	3
(d)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(B)	Proceedings under the Public Health Act 1936	
(a)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied after service of formal notice	Nil
(b)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	Nil
(c)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(d)	By Owners	Nil
(C)	Proceedings under Section 17 (i), Housing Act 1957	
(a)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
(b)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	17
(c)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	6
(d)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	2

SUMMARY OF OTHER INSPECTIONS 1963.

Factories (a) with Mechanical Power .. .. .	9
(b) without Mechanical Power .. .. .	-
Slaughter-houses .. .. .	2
Food Preparing Premises (a) Fried Fish Shops .. .. .	-
(b) Ice Cream Premises .. .. .	7
(c) Other Premises .. .. .	29
Cowsheds and Dairies .. .. .	3
Milk Samples for Analysis .. .. .	-
Stables and Piggeries .. .. .	-
Petroleum Stores .. .. .	3
Water Supply .. .. .	6
Water Samples for Analysis .. .. .	1
Sewer Dykes and Sewage Disposal Works .. .. .	226
Infectious Disease Inquiries and Disinfections .. .. .	13
Verminous Premises and Disinfestations .. .. .	9
Drainage (a) Colour Tested .. .. .	-
(b) Water Tested .. .. .	16
(c) Smoke Tested .. .. .	2
(d) Inspected .. .. .	205
Scavenging Work .. .. .	83
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc, .. .. .	5
Camping Sites .. .. .	-
Special Surveys (a) Water Supply .. .. .	-
(b) Scavenging .. .. .	-
(c) Sewage Disposal .. .. .	-
(d) Rural Housing Survey .. .. .	-
Town and Country Planning Inspections .. .. .	7
Miscellaneous .. .. .	248
Housing Applicants .. .. .	-

## W A T E R   S U P P L Y .

This service is now managed and maintained by the Kesteven Water Board and this Council has no responsibility for the supply of water to the area. Close co-operation, however, is maintained between the two departments and a pleasant harmony exists that helps to foster an efficient service.

Weekly check samples are taken from various points of supply and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Lincoln for Bacteriological Analysis. Four members of the Council represent our interest on the Board and report back to the Public Health Committee.

It will be seen from the accompanying report that there are still quite a number of households not enjoying a piped water supply, but these are premises where no mains supply is available or the elderly owner/occupiers prefer the old well supply and have a natural aversion to water out of the tap. The increasing consumption of water is causing the Engineer, Mr. I. G. Smith, some concern as the water supply in the area is not inexhaustible, and with the increased number of houses being built, bathrooms and W.C.s installed, the consumption must naturally rise.

Extract from a Report on Fluoridation  
(Figures supplied by Kesteven Water Board)

Station	Fluoride content p.p.m.
Saltersford	0.05
North Witham	0.03
Lenton	Nil.
Belton	0.05



Details of the number of Households supplied from the  
Public Water Mains direct to houses are as follows:-

	No Piped Supply	Private Supply	Kesteven Water Board Supply	Total
Allington	1	-	93	94
Ancaster	9	2	242	253
Barkston	23	-	142	165
Barrowby	4	-	352	356
Belton and Manthorpe	-	37	43	80
Bitchfield and Bassingthorpe	3	-	61	64
Boothby Pagnell	-	-	34	34
Braceby and Sapperton	4	-	29	33
Burton Coggles	4	-	47	51
Carlton Scroop	-	12	59	71
Caythorpe	29	10	277	316
Claypole	2	-	239	241
Colsterworth	18	-	299	317
Denton	14	16	110	140
Easton	-	1	41	42
Fenton	-	-	22	22
Foston	2	-	110	112
Fulbeck	13	-	185	198
Great Gonerby	8	-	384	392
Great Ponton	9	5	103	117
Gunby and Stainby	7	-	52	59
Harlaxton	5	11	151	167
Heydour	4	-	81	85
Honington	-	-	48	48
Hougham	5	-	59	64
Hough-on-the-Hill	5	-	131	136
Ingoldsby	2	-	76	78
Lenton, Keisby and Osgodby	1	-	58	59
Little Ponton and Stroxton	5	18	52	75
Londonthorpe and Harrowby	4	-	307	311
Long Bennington	8	-	310	318
Marston	4	-	80	84
Normanton	5	-	31	36
North Witham	3	-	64	67
Old Somerby	5	-	69	74
Pickworth	4	-	41	45
Ropsley and Humby	7	-	210	217
Sedgebrook	4	1	53	58
Skillington	2	-	77	79
South Witham	3	-	185	188
Stoke Rochford	-	2	70	72
Stubton	-	-	44	44
Syston	8	-	49	57
Welby	10	-	68	78
Westborough and Dry Doddington	-	-	92	92
Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir	10	3	183	196
Wyville-cum-Hungerton.	-	-	30	30
	254	118	5543	5915

The proportion of premises supplied by the Kesteven Water Board is now 94% of the total households in the Rural District; 4% having no piped supply; 2% being supplied from private sources.

## H O U S I N G.

During 1963 the Council built six houses and fourteen bungalows and thirty-three flats, and seventeen were built by private developers. By far the most important venture was the erection of thirty-one units for the elderly at Newton Court, Colsterworth. This is the Council's first grouped housing project for elderly members of the community with a Warden in charge. The site comprises sixteen flatlets, six bungalows and eight flats. The flatlets comprise the main block with eight units of accommodation on both the ground and first floors, the Warden's accommodation being on the first floor. A communal lounge and television room is provided in the main block and this means that the residents can get together and overcome the biggest enemy of the old people - loneliness. A new venture such as this inevitably produced teething troubles and gave a good deal of thought for future schemes of this type. Mrs. Beech, the Warden, has taken a great interest in her duties and her close co-operation with the tenants has gone a long way to produce that harmony that is so essential to community life.

Mrs. Richardson is still doing a wonderful job as Warden of the Bungalows at Great Gonerby, and is to be commended for the very admirable work she so ably continues to do.

1963 will always be remembered for the Arctic conditions that were experienced during the early part of the year. The only thing that was hot was the telephone wires with tenants ringing up to say they were frozen up. The workmen deserve a special mention for the way they tackled the job of keeping a water supply to 1,300 houses. They worked long hours under the worst conditions possible and still maintained a cheerful demeanour that helped the tenants to forget their immediate troubles.

This is rather "Stop Press" news but it is very gratifying to report that the Council are going ahead with their scheme to provide a permanent site for the Itinerant Caravan Dweller. This is a real problem that has to be faced up to and I feel that this is a step in the right direction. I have every hope that in my next Annual Report I shall be in a position to report good progress in this venture.

Fifty-three Improvements Grants were approved during the year and this is a decrease on previous years with the exception of last year. It is, however, gratifying to note that the percentage of tenanted houses improved by grant aid is far in excess of those owner/occupied. The national average is quite the reverse to this and shows that the majority of grants are to owner/occupiers.

Standard Grants are down on last year and only eighteen were submitted and approved but again the majority of these were tenanted houses as against owner/occupier.

During the year only five houses were represented as unfit. This was due mainly to the shortage of Staff in the department. This brings the total number of houses represented as unfit to 669.

### S T A N D A R D   G R A N T S.

	YEAR	TENANTED	OWNER/OCCUPIER	TOTAL
TOTAL DWELLINGS IMPROVED	1963	12	6	18
	1962	19	15	34
TOTAL APPROVED EXPENDITURE	1963	£3661	£1178	£4839
	1962	£4049	£2145	£6194
TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED	1963	£1211	£ 436	£1647
	1962	£1524	£ 929	£2453



# I M P R O V E M E N T   G R A N T S .

	YEAR	TENANTED	OWNER/OCCUPIER	TOTAL
Total Dwellings Improved	TOTAL	507	208	715
	1963	39 (73%)	14 (27%)	53
	1962	34 (67%)	17 (33%)	51
	1961	45 (65%)	24 (35%)	69
	1960	46 (72%)	18 (28%)	64
	1959	55 (77%)	16 (23%)	71
	1958	47 (66%)	24 (34%)	71
	1957	67 (73%)	25 (27%)	92
	1956	81 (82%)	18 (18%)	99
	1955	53 (65%)	28 (35%)	81
	1954	24 (69%)	15 (31%)	49
	1953	5 (63%)	3 (37%)	8
	1952	1 (20%)	4 (80%)	5
Total Approved Expenditure	TOTAL	£408,806	£143,455	£552,261
	1963	£ 23,201 (64%)	£ 12,746 (36%)	£ 35,947
	1962	£ 26,464 (63%)	£ 15,345 (37%)	£ 41,809
	1961	£ 37,298 (70%)	£ 16,321 (30%)	£ 53,619
	1960	£ 29,054 (78%)	£ 8,387 (22%)	£ 37,441
	1959	£ 48,843 (82%)	£ 10,910 (18%)	£ 59,753
	1958	£ 38,024 (67%)	£ 18,654 (33%)	£ 56,678
	1957	£ 55,420 (76%)	£ 18,072 (24%)	£ 73,492
	1956	£ 76,450 (89%)	£ 9,644 (11%)	£ 86,094
	1955	£ 46,498 (72%)	£ 17,983 (28%)	£ 64,481
	1954	£ 23,899 (69%)	£ 10,824 (31%)	£ 34,723
	1953	£ 2,653 (63%)	£ 1,545 (37%)	£ 4,198
	1952	£ 1,002 (33%)	£ 2,130 (67%)	£ 3,132
Total Grants Approved	TOTAL	£162,832 (73%)	£ 59,439 (27%)	£222,271
	1963	£ 10,361 (68%)	£ 4,881 (32%)	£ 15,242
	1962	£ 11,458 (65%)	£ 5,998 (35%)	£ 17,456
	1961	£ 14,091 (68%)	£ 6,899 (32%)	£ 20,990
	1960	£ 12,575 (76%)	£ 4,031 (24%)	£ 16,606
	1959	£ 19,672 (81%)	£ 4,759 (19%)	£ 24,431
	1958	£ 16,598 (71%)	£ 6,844 (29%)	£ 23,442
	1957	£ 22,583 (73%)	£ 7,506 (27%)	£ 30,089
	1956	£ 26,791 (85%)	£ 4,576 (15%)	£ 31,367
	1955	£ 16,633 (68%)	£ 7,872 (32%)	£ 24,505
	1954	£ 10,450 (71%)	£ 4,258 (29%)	£ 14,708
	1953	£ 1,220 (65%)	£ 660 (35%)	£ 1,880
	1952	£ 400	£ 750	£ 1,150
Average Expenditure per House	TOTAL	£ 806	£ 689	£ 772
	1963	£ 594	£ 910	£ 678
	1962	£ 778	£ 903	£ 819
	1961	£ 828	£ 679	£ 778
	1960	£ 631	£ 465	£ 583
	1959	£ 888	£ 681	£ 840
	1958	£ 812	£ 776	£ 800
	1957	£ 828	£ 723	£ 799
	1956	£ 945	£ 535	£ 870
	1955	£ 877	£ 642	£ 795
	1954	£ 705	£ 722	£ 708
	1953	£ 532	£ 515	£ 523
	1952	£ 1,002	£ 532	£ 624
Average Grant per House	TOTAL	£ 321	£ 286	£ 311
	1963	£ 265	£ 348	£ 287
	1962	£ 337	£ 353	£ 342
	1961	£ 313	£ 287	£ 304
	1960	£ 274	£ 224	£ 259
	1959	£ 358	£ 297	£ 343
	1958	£ 354	£ 286	£ 330
	1957	£ 337	£ 301	£ 327
	1956	£ 331	£ 254	£ 316
	1955	£ 314	£ 282	£ 303
	1954	£ 307	£ 284	£ 301
	1953	£ 244	£ 220	£ 236
	1952	£ 400	£ 187	£ 230



At the 31st December, 1963 the Council owned 1376 Dwellings as follows :-

Parish	4BR	3BR		Bed Sitters	2BR			1BR Bungs	Total
		Hses	Bungs		Hses	Flats	Bungs		
Allington	-	18	-	-	-	-	13	-	31
Ancaster	2	46	14	-	-	-	9	-	71
Barkston	-	26	-	-	11	-	17	-	54
Barrowby	-	50	-	-	-	12	30	-	92
Bitchfield and Bassingthorpe	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	-	12
Braceby and Sapperton	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Burton Coggles	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Carlton Scroop	2	10	-	-	4	-	4	-	20
Caythorpe	2	32	23	-	4	-	22	-	83
Claypole	-	31	-	-	-	-	20	-	51
Colsterworth	4	74	-	24	4	9	41	6	162
Denton	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Foston	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	-	16
Fulbeck	-	26	-	-	4	-	11	-	41
Great Gonerby	4	126	-	-	10	-	32	-	172
Great Ponton	-	22	-	-	17	-	6	-	45
Gunby and Stainby	-	4	-	-	-	-	8	-	12
Harlaxton	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Heydour	-	2	-	-	1	-	4	-	7
Honington	-	8	-	-	-	-	3	-	11
Hougham	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Hough-on-the-Hill	-	23	-	-	6	-	6	-	35
Ingoldsby	-	12	-	-	-	-	8	-	20
Lenton	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Little Ponton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Bennington	-	48	-	-	6	-	6	-	60
Marston	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Normanton	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	6
North Witham	-	12	-	-	7	-	10	-	29
Old Somerby	-	22	-	-	4	-	4	-	30
Pickworth	-	4	-	-	-	-	6	-	10
Ropsley	-	42	-	-	10	-	14	-	66
Sedgebrook	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Skillington	-	14	-	-	-	8	10	-	32
South Witham	-	44	14	-	-	-	-	-	58
Stubton	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Welby	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Westborough and Dry Doddington	-	18	-	-	4	-	8	-	30
Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir	-	46	-	-	-	8	-	-	54
	14	844	51	24	92	37	308	6	1376

Includes 42 prefabricated bungalows.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ON THE HOUSING REGISTER.

Parish	Living or Working in Rural District	Living and Working outside Rural District	Total
Allington	7	-	7
Ancaster	18	8	26
Barkston	20	5	25
Barrowby	13	21	34
Belton and Manthorpe	-	-	-
Bitchfield and Bassingthorpe	3	-	3
Boothby Pagnell	-	1	1
Braceby and Sapperton	-	-	-
Burton Coggles	2	-	2
Carlton Scroop	1	-	1
Caythorpe	9	1	10
Claypole	6	2	8
Colsterworth	20	8	28
Denton	1	-	1
Foston	4	2	6
Fulbeck	3	2	5
Great Gonerby	12	17	29
Great Ponton	25	5	30
Gunby and Stainby	1	1	2
Harlaxton	1	1	2
Heydour	-	1	1
Honington	6	-	6
Hougham	-	-	-
Hough-on-the-Hill	2	1	3
Ingoldsby	1	3	4
Lenton, Keisby and Osgodby	-	-	-
Little Ponton and Stroxtun	-	-	-
Long Bennington	12	10	22
Marston	8	1	9
Normanton	-	-	-
North Witham	3	2	5
Old Somerby	5	5	10
Pickworth	2	-	2
Ropsley and Humby	12	10	22
Sedgebrook	-	-	-
Skillington	1	-	1
South Witham	12	2	14
Stubton	8	-	8
Welby	10	-	10
Westborough and Dry Doddington	1	-	1
Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir	5	2	7
Miscellaneous	10	11	21
T O T A L S	244	122	366



## S E W E R A G E   A N D   S E W A G E   D I S P O S A L .

Good progress has been made in the provision of sewerage schemes for further villages in the district. During 1963 works came into operation at Long Bennington, Ancaster, Little Ponton, South Witham and Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir. It is expected that 1964 will see works commencing in Harlaxton, Foston and Westborough, and the extension to the present system at Claypole which will serve the East and West ends of the village. The position with Farrowby is not quite so straightforward, as it is hoped that the sewage will be taken into the Grantham Borough Sewage Scheme. It is, however, anticipated that this will be acceptable to the Grantham Borough and there is every hope that the laying of new sewers in Barrowby will commence before the end of 1964.

We now have 15 sewage works serving 15 villages and together with 14 small works which serve housing estates, it naturally follows that the amount of maintenance required is increasing yearly. During the year permission was given to increase the number of mobile gangs from two to three and two more men were engaged. The ideal method of sewage works maintenance is to have a full-time man at each works but this unfortunately is more expensive than the present system of mobile gangs. During the year we had a Works Study carried out on the Sewage Works Maintenance Gangs and they estimated that 25% of the men's time was spent in travelling from one works to another. This unfortunately cannot be avoided as it is essential the larger works are visited daily to ascertain whether or not pumps are working and there is a steady flow through the works.

The Cesspool emptying service continues to function in a most satisfactory manner. Although the number of houses enjoying main drainage increases yearly, the number of cesspools and septic tanks emptied continues to increase also. The free emptying once a year, inaugurated in 1962, has encouraged people to request emptying more regularly than when having to pay. I must refer to the operators of this vehicle. We still continue to get people ringing up and writing in to express their appreciation of the way in which these men carry out their work.

It will be noted from the accompanying table that the number of W.C. Conversion Grants for 1963 were seven more than in 1962. It is always surprising the number of properties with W.C.s. in the Villages which have not main drainage available. This gives some indication of the progress made in the sanitary arrangements throughout the Villages in the Rural Area since the War. The outlook of people has become far more progressive and whereas the pump and privy were sufficient a tap over the sink and a W.C. are now the order of the day; the bath is a necessity and not a luxury.

### Conversion Grants Approved during 1963.

Caythorpe	4	Harlaxton	1
Claypole	1	Hough-on-the-Hill	6
Colsterworth	4	Long Bennington	9
Great Goncerby	1	Skillington	1

Total Grants Approved 27.



# S E W E R A G E   A N D   S E W A G E   D I S P O S A L .

## 1. PARISHES WITH MODERN SEWAGE SCHEMES.

Allington.  
 Ancaster.  
 Barkston (part only in West Street).  
 Caythorpe.  
 Claypole (with the exception of small parts of the east and west ends which are to be sewered and pumped into existing sewers).  
 Colsterworth.  
 Great Gonerby.  
 Great Ponton.  
 Little Ponton.  
 Long Bennington.  
 Ropsley.  
 Skillington.  
 South Witham.  
 Stoke Rochford.  
 Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir.

## 2. SCHEMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Nil.

## 3. MODERN SEWAGE SCHEME NOW INADEQUATE - NEW SCHEME INCLUDED in 1964-65 PROGRAMME.

Barrowby	-	Tenders to be invited for scheme to discharge into the Grantham Borough System.
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## 4. OTHER PARISHES IN 1964-65 PROGRAMME IN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

Harlaxton	-	Scheme to commence early 1964.
Foston and Westborough	-	Scheme to commence early 1964.
Claypole (extension)	-	Scheme to commence early 1964.

## 5. OTHER SCHEMES RECOMMENDED FOR PRIORITY.

Denton	-	Approved in principle at estimated cost of £42,000 to discharge at Allington Disposal Works.
Fulbeck	-	
Sedgebrook	-	
Carlton Scroop	)	Joint scheme approved in principle at estimated cost of £60,000 to discharge to existing Disposal Works at Caythorpe, after enlargement.
Normanton	)	
Hough-on-the-Hill	)	
Lenton	)	Joint scheme approved in principle at estimated cost of £46,400 to one disposal site between the villages.
Ingoldsby	)	
Old Somerby	)	Joint scheme approved in principle at estimated cost of £43,500 to one disposal site at Boothby Pagnell.
Boothby Pagnell	)	
Welby	)	Joint scheme approved in principle at estimated cost of £45,000.
Londonthorpe	)	
Burton Coggles	-	Proposed packaging plant for village.

## 6. NOTES ON OTHER PARISHES.

Honington, Barkston, Belton, Manthorp, Gelston, Hougham, and Marston - these villages can be dealt with most effectively by linking up with the new Grantham Borough sewage system when this is constructed.

## F O O D   A N D   D R U G S .

Routine visits were made to catering establishments in the District during the year. A good relationship exists between the owners of these premises and the staff and they are always willing to carry out any improvements that are requested.

The staff toilet facilities are easily maintained and cause us little trouble. It is essential that people handling food wash their hands after using the toilet and a special mention of this is made to all the staff. It would be better still if everyone using toilet facilities at catering establishments could enjoy the same facilities but unfortunately the public do not help themselves and all articles that can be removed are removed. In some of the premises towels, soap, nail brushes and toilet rolls are removed within 24 hours and even plugs and chains to lavatory basins have a life of about five days. In one instance the chain and handle to a toilet cistern was removed. This was replaced by a piece of  $\frac{3}{8}$ " steel that would have appeared to have no value to anyone but this again disappeared.

As much as we desire to see these facilities available for the use of the public it is a great deal to ask any proprietor to renew such items daily.

I am not happy that enough attention is given to these premises and owing to the pressure of work routine inspections have unfortunately got to give way to the more immediate demands in the department.

No meat inspection has been carried out during the year and all the butchers who previously had their own private slaughterhouses use the facilities afforded to them at the Grantham Abattoir.

The following premises are registered for the sale  
and storage of Ice Cream :-

Parish	Sale and Storage
Ancaster	4
Allington	3
Barkston	1
Barrowby	2
Belton	1
Boothby Pagnell	1
Burton Coggles	1
Caythorpe	4
Claypole	4
Colsterworth	3
Denton	1
Foston	3
Fulbeck	3
Great Gonerby	5
Great Ponton	1
Ingoldsby	1
Harlaxton	2
Heydour	1
Hough-on-the-Hill	2
Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without	4
Long Bennington	7
Marston	2
Old Somerby	2
Ropsley	2
Sedgebrook	1
Skillington	2
South Witham	2
Stoke Rochford	1
Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir	3

In every case where the registration is one of sale  
and storage only, the Ice Cream is pre-packed and  
purchased from a large manufacturer outside the area.  
There are now no manufacturers in the area.



## R E F U S E   C O L L E C T I O N   A N D   D I S P O S A L .

The fortnightly collection of refuse from properties continued during the year. The collection of the bin from the back door has obviously been popular with the residents in the district and is a great advantage to the more elderly householder who found it difficult to carry out the bin to the kerbside. We do get some complaints from residents that they should not be expected to carry the empty bin from inside the curtilage to the rear of the premises. The usual grounds of complaint are that it is not hygienic to have to carry a dustbin. A dustbin is as hygienic as the users make it, some are good and some are really bad and in isolated cases we have complaints from our loaders that they are not fit to handle. If only people would not put wet and putrescible material in dustbins, the bin would last much longer and there would be no smell or fly nuisance from bins with ill-fitting lids.

I feel that the Council must give serious consideration to the weekly collection of refuse from the larger villages. It is difficult in the more Uroan type of village to dispose of putrescible matter and a compost heap in the smaller back garden is often a cause of discontent amongst neighbours.

It is gratifying to learn that the Minister of Housing and Local Government has set up a Working Party to examine the whole question of refuse collection. This should give us a much needed guide to the future of this so important service, and which so often is belittled. The dustbin is still the most popular receptacle and although paper sacks are coming to the fore at the moment there are certain difficulties with this type of container that can be overcome only with added expense. I estimate that to carry out a paper sack collection in this area would cost a 4d rate.

People living in the remoter parts of the district do not enjoy a regular refuse collection, due to the high cost of collection from these isolated premises. Quite a number are leaving dustbins or paper sacks on the route of the regular collection and these are being emptied or picked up when the vehicle passes. The majority find that the 56 lb. paper sack is more convenient than a dustbin as it has not to be picked up and carted back to the premises. Every effort is made to accommodate these people and every assistance given in order that they may even in some small way enjoy the benefits of a refuse collection service.

Concern is always being expressed about litter bins at Lay-bys especially on the A.1. The other three Rural Districts in Kesteven empty the litter bins on Lay-bys in their area. The matter was fully discussed by the Public Health Committee and it was reluctantly decided that we could not carry out the emptying of these bins. On the A.1. alone there are 54 litter bins and to do this daily would be a full-time job for a lorry and two men. During the summer season this is one of the busiest roads in the country and the amount of litter is far in excess of normal. The County Surveyor is fully aware of our position and is carrying out this service himself. Unfortunately the litter bins at these lay-bys are very much abused and it is a common occurrence for people to pull up with a lorry load of refuse and fill the bins, and the genuine traveller finds he has nowhere to put his litter and it finishes up on the grass verge.

Like every other authority we experience trouble by people dumping bulky material on grass verges and car bodies seem to be a speciality. These people must have some commonsense as they always seem to destroy any signs of identification. Last year we experimented with two of our refuse tips by fencing off across the middle of the tip, one half being locked up for the use of our own freighters and the other half being left open for the Public, the idea being to encourage people to tip in the right places and not on the grass verges. Unfortunately, some learned Gentleman realized that fencing had some scrap value and after tipping his load of refuse, kindly saved the Council any further maintenance costs on the fence by removing it complete with the posts. This attempt to alleviate the litter problem came to a sudden end, the renewing of chain link fencing is an expensive item.

During the year it was decided to make a charge for the use of the tips in the District. People from outside the district are charged 10/- for a large load and 5/- for a small one, and during the year this brought in an income of £25.

All refuse is disposed of by tipping and although this is not the best method of disposal it is cheap and means eventually the reclamation of land. Negotiations are in progress with the Grantham Borough Council with regard to the provision of a destructor for the joint use of both Authorities and it is to be hoped that this venture will shortly materialize.

It would be remiss of me not to refer to the men who so ably carry out their duties on the freighters. This is a most unpopular occupation and there is full credit to them for the way in which they carry out their work. Complaints about this service are few and far between.

It will be seen from the accompanying table that receipts from Salvage were well up in the previous year. The incentive bonus the collectors receive from Salvages appears to have spurred them to greater efforts.

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Waste Paper	127 tons 3 cwts.	£1025 2 8
Metal and Rags	43 tons 19 cwts.	£ 517 7 3
	Total value realised.	<u>£1542 9 11</u>

1 9 6 2

Waste Paper	124 tons 12 cwts.	£1010 1 0
Metal and Rags	11 tons 8 cwts.	£ 172 1 6
	Total value realised.	<u>£1182 2 6</u>

1 9 6 1.

Waste Paper	140 tons 8 cwts.	£1159 2 4
Metal and Rags	7 tons approx.	£ 120 3 6
	Total value realised.	<u>£1279 5 10</u>

1 9 6 0.

Waste Paper	124 tons 4 cwts.	£ 997 12 3
Metal and Rags	8 tons approx.	£ 151 4 6
	Total value realised.	<u>£1148 16 9</u>

1 9 5 9.

Waste Paper	87 tons 16 cwts.	£ 754 9 3
Metal and Rags	10 tons approx.	£ 173 0 0
	Total value realised.	<u>£ 927 9 3</u>



# BUILDING INSPECTIONS

The following plans were deposited for approval during the year 1963

	New Works	Alterations
Dwellinghouses	177	123
Farm Buildings	29	-
Factories	1	3
Other Buildings	127	24
Other plans submitted, not for buildings		51

## F A C T O R I E S   A C T   1 9 3 7

### INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occup'rs Pros'ctd
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	22	1	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	54	8	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding Out-workers Premises)	-	-	-	-
	76	9	-	-

### CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Cases in which Prsctns. were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Refrd to H.M.I.	Refrd by H.M.I.	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	-

Licences	PETROLEUM	CARBIDE OF CALCIUM
Number in Force	104	1
New Licences	2	Nil





